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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: COMMERICAL REFERENCE FACILITIES

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES LIBRARY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING PUBLICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL LIBRARY. SURVEY OF CURRENT COMMERCIAL LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS SHOWS MANY GAPS COMPARED WITH BASIC REFERENCE MATERIALS LISTED IN REFAIR. WHEN EMBASSY REOPENED IN JUNE 1974, FOLLOWING SEVEN-YEAR BREAK OF RELATIONS, NEW COMMERICAL SECTION RECEIVED SOME PUBLICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT AND FROM LONG-ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AT EMBASSY BEIRUT. SINCE ARRIVAL OF FULL-TIME COMMERICAL OFFICER IN MAY 1975, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A COMMERICAL LIBRARY BUT HAVE MET WITH ONLY PARTIAL SUCCESS IN OBTAINING FROM THE DEPARTMENT A COMPLETE RANGE OF NECESSARY PUBLICATIONS. WE ORDERED FROM GPO ON JULY 21, 1975 A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS FROM LIST A OF A-5348 (JUNE 27, 1974) TO BRING OUR HOLDINGS UP TO THE STANDARD OF A CLASS III POST; MANY OF THE PUBLICATIONS ORDERED NEVER ARRIVED.

2. WE REQUEST LIBRARY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING ALL THE BASIC REFERENCE MATERIALS LISTED IN REFAIR, EXCEPT RPT EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW. IN THE CASE OF MATERIALS NOT LISTED BELOW, THE EMBASSY HAS EITHER NO COPY OR UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT-OF-DATE EDITIONS:

---ALPHABETIC INDEX OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS (19767
SIC BASIS). EMBASSY HAS 1972 CENSUS.

---ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES BOARD TO
CONGRESS. NOT NEEDED.

---ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS REGISTERED TO PRACTICE BEFORE
THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE. WE HAVE 1975 EDITION.

---THE BOOK OF THE STATES. NOT NEEDED.

---CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. NOT NEEDED.

---COMMODITY YEARBOOK. NOT NEEDED.

---CONGRESSIONAL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. NOT NEEDED.

---DUN AND BRADSTREET PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES;
THE WORLD MARKETING DIRECTORY. NOT NEEDED.

---ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. WE HAVE 1976
REPORT.

---FT800: U.S. TRADE -- PUERTO RICO AND U.S. POSSESSIONS.
NOT NEEDED.

---MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY. NOT NEEDED.

---NUMERICAL LIST OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS. WE HAVE
1972 CENSUS.

---OVERSEAS BUSINESS REPORTS. WE ARE RECEIVING THEM
REGULARLY.

---STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL. WE HAVE
1972 EDITION.

---SWEET'S CATALOGUE FILES. NOT NEEDED.

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---TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE U.S. WE HAVE 1976 EDITION.

---THOMAS REGISTER OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURES. WE HAVE
1976 EDITION.

---TRADEMARK REGISTER OF THE U.S. NOT NEEDED.

---U.S. TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. WE HAVE THEM.

---GOVERNMENT INDEXES. NOT NEEDED.

IN THE MATERIALS LISTED ABOVE FOR WHICH EMBASSY HAS CURRENT EDITIONS, WE WISH OF COURSE TO RECEIVE NEW EDITIONS WHEN THEY APPEAR.

3. EMBASSY ALSO SEEKS LIBRARY HELP IN SECURING THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE BOOKS, NOT LISTED IN REPAIR, BUT IMPORTANT FOR DAMASCUS CONSIDERING LOCAL MARKETS:

(A) CONOVE-MAST PURCHASING DIRECTORY, CAHNERS PUBLISHING CO., 89 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MASS. 02116; (B) OPD CHEMICAL BUYERS DIRECTORY, SCHNELL PUBLISHING CO., 100 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007; (C) COMPOSITE CATALOGUE OF OIL ELD EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, VOL. 1-3, WORLD OIL AND GAS PUBLISHING CO., BOX 2608, HUSTON, TEXAS 77001; AND (D) TEXTILE INDUSTRIES BUYER GUIDE, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, 1760 PEACHTREE ROAD NW, ATLANTA, GA. 30309. TITLE (A) WAS ORDERED DIRECTLY FROM PUBLISHER BY POST ON AUGUST 19, 1975; TITLE (B) WAS ORDERED DIRECTLY FROM PUBLISHER BY POST JULY 21, 1975; WE HAVE RECEIVED NEITHER BOOK.

4. APPROXIMATE COST OF NEEDED REFERENCE MATERIALS: US\$1700. RELEVANT FISCAL DATA: 19-60113-626823-4476-0-2621.

5. IN ADDITION: (A) EMBASSY WISHES TO RECEIVE NEW EDITION OF MINERALS YEARBOOK PUBLISHED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF MINES. WE HAVE 1971 EDITION AND UNDERSTAND NEW ONE IS BEING PREPARED. THIS IS A MOST USEFUL REFERENCE TOOL AND OUGHT TO BE ON ANY COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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LIBRARY'S SHELVES; (B) EMBASSY HAS CURRENT MARCONI DIRECTORY, BUT WE FIND IT INADEQUATE, LISTING ONLY A FRACTION OF AMERICAN TELEX ADDRESSES. ISN'T A MORE COMPLETE TELEX DIRECTORY AVAILABLE?/AND, (C) EMBASSY HAS 1976 DUN AND BRADSTREET EXPORTER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA WORLD MARKETING GUIDE AND FINDS IT VERY VALUABLE (EXCELLENT SECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, ON SYRIA). WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NEW EDITION ANNUALLY.

6. EXISTING LIBRARY FACILITIES: COMMERCIAL SECTION INCLUDING LIBRARY IS HOUSED IN GROUND FLOOR OF A BUILDING ADJACENT TO BUT SEPARATE FROM CHANCERY (ANOTHER PART OF THE FLOOR IS OCCUPIED BY GSO). SECTION HAS SEPARATE STREET ENTRANCE FOR COMMERCIAL VISITORS. COMMERCIAL LIBRARY OCCUPIES ONE ROOM APPROXIMATELY

4X8 METERS, ADJACENT TO OFFICE OF COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S SECRETARY. LOCAL COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT HAS DESK IN COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, SERVES AS LIBRARIAN. REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, EXABEIRUT, IS TEMPORARILY OCCUPYING A DESK IN COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AND SHARING COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S SECRETARY AND SPECIALIST. THUS, FACILITIES ARE FOR THE MOMENT CRAMPED; OVERCROWDING SHOULD BE RELIEVED WHEN AND IF USDA DECIDES TO REGULARIZE THE REGIONAL AGATT'S POSITION IN DAMASCUS.

7. IT IS NOT PRACTICAL TO COMBINE USIS AND COMMERCIAL LIBRARIES, AS THESE TWO LIBRARIES ARE LOCATED IN SEPARATE EMBASSY ANNEXES, SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS APART. EACH SERVES A DIFFERENT CLIENTELE AND NEITHER HAS EXTRA SPACE TO INCORPORATE THE OTHER.

8. PRODUCT LISTS: SIC INTEREST AREA LIST IS BEING POUCHED TO LIBRARY.
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